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"To Do" This Month:

✓ Plan your Armed Forces Voters Week activities. Get the whole community involved and aim for 100% contact.

✓ Use local resources such as Commander's bulletins, newspapers, radio and television stations to help you get the word out about voting. Post motivational posters on bulletin boards in offices, commissaries and exchanges.

✓ Visit the FVAP's website frequently for up-to-date, on-line information and resources from the Program as well as links to other sites of interest in carrying out your duties as a VAO. The FVAP is continually updating the website. Remember that the FVAP's site can be accessed either at www.fvap.ncr.gov or www.fvap.gov. The two are identical.

*A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.*

CELEBRATE ARMED FORCES VOTERS WEEK SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2002

With the November 2002 General Election almost upon us, and registration deadlines even sooner, time is running out for citizens who want to participate in the elections this year. This is why the Secretary of Defense has decreed the week of September 1 - 7, 2002 as Armed Forces Voters Week (AFVW). This week is the last really safe week to submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), SF-76, request for registration and/or an absentee ballot which meets most state deadlines (always refer to the 2002-2003 *Voting Assistance Guide* for state registration and ballot deadlines).

Armed Forces Voters Week GOAL **Attaining 100% contact and IN-HAND delivery of FPCAs to all personnel!**

As a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) it is your job to provide voting assistance and support. You are also tasked with disseminating accurate, nonpartisan voting information. So, how do you plan to celebrate this week?

We suggest that you use this week to begin wrapping up the registration portion of your 2002 voting assistance program. Conduct final voting workshops and registration drives (don't forget to include all eligible family members). Realizing that for most of you, being a VAO is an additional duty—just try to keep the week's activities simple and fun. We even suggest that you join together with other voting officers and/or enlist the help of other "on base" organizations, such as wives clubs, family services, boy/girl scouts and other groups to help get out

the vote and coordinate voter outreach events.

During these events, emphasize the importance of requesting registration and a ballot as soon as possible. It is also a good opportunity to remind them to always return their voted ballots as soon as possible to allow sufficient transit time back to their local election official.

Installation newspapers and other internal media, including closed-circuit television and Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) are good ways to spread the word about your voter outreach events during this week. Contact them to advertise the importance of AFVW and be included in the Commander's daily bulletins to help promote the week's voting activities (they will probably be very willing to do this - just give them sufficient lead time).

A good way to do this is for them to run inspirational voting spots. These spots can be used in installation newspapers and on closed-circuit television and radio. One is available from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Richard B. Myers has provided an inspirational voting spot which is wonderful in helping to advertise voting. The 2002 Get Out the Vote Campaign Public Service Announcements can also be used. ✓



Call the FVAP Toll-free from Overseas



"I hope ever to see America among the foremost nations in examples of justice and liberality."

—George Washington

When voting assistance is unavailable locally, please call the Federal Voting Assistance Program. During non-business hours, citizens may leave a message. When doing so, please leave sufficient information to allow us to get back to you in a timely manner (include what country you are calling from, a complete telephone number including international prefixes, and e-mail address if available). Remember there is one toll-free number for the United States and Canada:

1-800-438-VOTE (8683)

ANTIGUA	1-877-8333886	ITALY	800-874729
AUSTRALIA	1-800-1-27668	JAMAICA	1-800-666-3819
BAHAMAS	1-8778333886	JAPAN	00531-120076
BAHRAIN	800-687	KOREA	00798-14-800-4399
BARBADOS	1-800-534-2104	LUXEMBOURG	8002-9087
BELGIUM	0800-76834	MALAYSIA	1-800-80-3709
BERMUDA	1-8778333886	MARSHALL ISLANDS	1-877833-3886
BRAZIL	000-814-550-3742	MEXICO	001-8778333886
CAYMAN ISLANDS	1-877-833-3886	NETH ANTILLES	001-8778333886
CHILE	800-201844	NETHERLANDS	0800-0249769
CHINA	10-800-120-0241	NEW ZEALAND	0800-441388
COLOMBIA	980-915-4710	NICARAGUA	001-800-2201349
COSTA RICA	0800-0120204	NORWAY	800-15501
DENMARK	80-882544	PANAMA	001-800-5071351
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1-8001561554	PHILIPPINES	1-800-1-114-0831
FINLAND	0-800-1-19515	POLAND	0-0-800-1112-561
FRANCE	0800-914727	PORTUGAL	08008-12816
GERMANY	0800-1007428	RUSSIA	8-108-0020283011
GREECE	00800-12-5268	SINGAPORE	800-1203425
GUYANA	1-800-8778333886	SOUTH AFRICA	080-09-97300
HONG KONG	800-908809	SPAIN	900-931912
HUNGARY	06-800-13824	ST. VINCENT	1-877-8333886
INDONESIA	001-803-011-2583	ST. KITTS/NEVIS	1-877833-3886
IRELAND	1-800-55-5189	SWEDEN	020-79-6876
ISRAEL	1-800-9203230	SWITZERLAND	0800-895623
		TAIWAN	0080-13-9817
		THAILAND	001800120663305
		TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	1-800-934-7340
		TURKEY	008-00151-1163
		UNITED KINGDOM	08-001-698035
		URUGUAY	000-413-598-2492
		VENEZUELA	0800 100 3602 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MAILING ELECTION MATERIALS

While many states allow electronic transmission (faxing) of election materials as an alternative, the fact remains that mail transit time continues to be a primary obstacle to ensuring timely delivery of election materials. Many citizens are located in remote areas around the world where mail is not delivered or picked up on a regular basis (such as sailors and marines aboard ship, airmen and sailors at isolated tracking sites around the world, as well as Peace Corps workers and missionaries in remote areas). For these individuals (and all other citizens using the postal system), the FVAP has a few mailing tips to avoid unnecessary delays in the mailing process. When mailing registration materials from overseas, place in the mail at least 45 days before the general election so that you will be able to use the FWAB if your state ballot does not arrive in time. Mail your ballot by October 15th to ensure it gets to the state in time to be counted.

Addressing Tips:

Type or print legibly in uppercase letters. No punctuation is needed. Include all of the following address information:

✉ Addressee's name, street address, post office box number, rural route number, box number, highway contract route number, suffixes, directionals, locators, Apartment number, Suite number or room number.

✉ Addressee's city, state and ZIP Code (and if known, the four-digit add-on, ZIP+4. Be sure to hyphenate the ZIP+4. For more ZIP Code information, please visit the Postal Service web site at www.usps.gov.)

✉ Always use a return address to include all listed above. Place in the upper left corner on the front of the mailpiece.

Please Note:

If a post office box number and a street address are used, make sure that the place where you want the mail delivered appears on the line immediately above the city, state, and ZIP Code line and that the ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code corresponds to that address.

International Addressing:

When providing local election officials with the address you wish the ballot to be mailed to, be sure to include the complete address. Include the applicable foreign postal code, city or town, province or state name, and country name. Put the foreign postal code in front of the city or town name and on the same line. Place the city or town name and the province or state name on the next line after the street address information. Write the name of the foreign country in capital letters on the last line of the address. (Continued on page 4)



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MAILING ELECTION MATERIALS (continued)

Final Tips: The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) does not require postage if mailed in the U.S. postal system which includes all U.S. military post offices (APO, FPO) overseas as well as diplomatic pouches. Many Embassies and Consulates have access to U.S. military post offices. Those that have access will accept the FPCA and give it to the U.S. military post office where it will be mailed with no postage required. The FPCA may also be sent postage-free through the diplomatic pouch at Embassies and Consulates. If using the pouch, allow 21 days for delivery.

However, the diplomatic pouch may not have a regular pick-up schedule. If you are mailing election materials from overseas and do not have access to a U.S. Embassy/Consulate or an APO/ FPO address, please affix the proper postage necessary to get the materials in that country's mail to the U.S.

Please follow these tips when mailing election materials to reduce the number of handlings in the mail system and move your election materials more efficiently through the mails. ☒

Important Message About Faxing Election Materials

When utilizing the Electronic Transmission Service (Faxing), please provide your complete fax number including all international prefixes, country or city codes (Commercial fax numbers only—no DSN). This will allow Local Election Officials to get in touch with you if additional information is required. Appendix C of the *2002-03 Voting Assistance Guide* provides further information and instructions for using the Electronic Transmission Service. **PLEASE NOTE: After faxing, mail the original hard copy to your state.** ☒

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